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SUBJECT: CSCE: INFORMATION: WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS

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1. THE INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE HAS "MENTALLY" REGISTERED THE FIRST THREE PARAS IN SUBJECT TEXT. ON THE SECOND AND THIRD PARAS, WESTERN DELEGATIONS GAVE APPROVAL WITH THE RESERVATION THAT THEY WERE INCOMPLETE BECAUSE "TECHNICAL STAFF" WAS NOT MENTIONED. THIS PROCEDURE WAS USED IN ORDER TO KEEP THE OPTION OPEN BUT MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON THE PAPER, SINCE SOVIETS WILL NOT ACCEPT MENTION OF "TECHNICAL STAFF". REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE LANGUAGE IN THIRD PARA MAKING CLEAR THAT "ARRANGEMENTS" REFER TO RECIPROCITY IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS. THE TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES, DESIRING TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JOURNALISTS FROM ONE PARTICIPATING STATE EXERCISE THEIR PROFESSION IN ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE, INTEND IN PARTICULAR TO: -EXAMINE IN A FAVOURABLE SPIRIT AND WITHIN A SUITABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND REASONABLE TIME SCALE REQUESTS FROM JOURNALISTS

FOR VISAS;

-GRANT TO PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE
PARTICIPATING STATES, ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS,
MULTIPLY ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS;
END TEXT.

2. THE TEXTUAL ACCOMODATIONS ARE OBVIOUS. THEY REFLECT
BOTH SOVIET RESISTENCE AND THE DESIRES OF SOME WESTERN
DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE US, TO LIMIT THE DEGREE OF
COMMITMENT. IN THE THIRD PARA "ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGE-
MENTS" WAS ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF "ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY".
THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSURED US AND OTHERS THAT "ARRANGEMENTS"
MEANS "RECIPROCITY ARRANGED BILATERALLY BUT WITHOUT
AUTOMATICITY". THE PRESENT PHRASE WAS ACCEPTED BECAUSE
SOME NATO DELS, INCLUDING THE FRG, FEARED THAT "RECI-
PROCITY" COULD IMPLY A NUMERICAL LIMITATION. IF THE
DEPARTMENT SEES ANY ADVANTAGE IN INCLUDING A MENTION OF
RECIPROCITY WE COULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN IT THROUGH BI-
LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, ACCCOMPANIED BY
APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES. PLEASE ADVISE.

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